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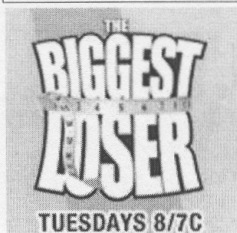
First, lest you, dear reader (Who are we, Miss Manners?) get the wrong impression, we are not big watchers of reality television. We admit we enjoyed *Last Comic Standing* (it was for the jokes, really), and we've seen an occasional *Fear Factor*, and maybe *Dog Eat Dog*, and possibly *Dancing With the Stars*.

But we are not big reality television fans.

But, just like reality TV we don't mind exploiting situations for our own gain.

Therefore, submitted for your approval (now there was a show the complete opposite of reality TV) is our double issue on reality television. Put your feet up and the remote down, 'cause you don't want to change channels now. It's far too late for that.

There will be no cancellations and no reruns.



Host Mycroft Holmes welcomes entrants who each week try to be *The Biggest Loser*. Not only must they lose weight, but they also must outsmart each other and survive into the next round. Who will be the Biggest Loser? Will it be slightly tubby John H. Watson, purported to be a doctor? Will it be Charles Augustus Milverton, who swears he has photos of everyone on the show? Or will it be Godfrey Staunton, sent to the show to get in shape for next year's rugby season.

The Biggest Loser on Tuesdays at 8/7c. Right after *Regent Street Rascals*, and right before *Celebrity Mole: Lamberley*.

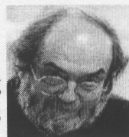


From the producers of *When Elephants Collide* and *Lestrade's Lepidoptera*

The Sterndale Experience

Join Dr. Leon Sterndale as he journeys around the globe looking for interesting things and trying not to get his tight blue T-shirt dirty. And not just bugs and reptiles with bad breath either: Dr. Leon's knowledge of botany is legendary, and it is on display every week, despite the continued loss of his camera crew.

The Sterndale Experience. Every Friday at 9/8c on Animal Planet



THE APPRENTICE

John Clay
Wednesdays 8/7c



From the producers of *Trading Spaces*
Each week, designers must fill

The Empty House

Join host Douglas Maberley and a dream design team as they tackle a new empty house each week and must redecorate it before a wax bust explodes.

The Empty House.
Saturdays at 10/9c on The Learning Channel.

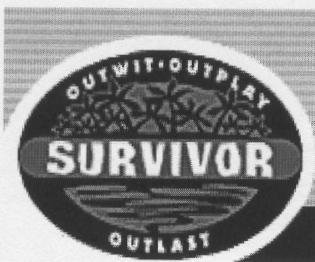




Survivor: Boscombe Valley

The fourteenth year of the popular Survivor series returns to CBS. This time, the participants are "stranded" in the mysterious and deadly Boscombe Valley. Who will form the alliances this year? Who will succeed and who will fail? Who will stroll around naked? Who will watch this endless parade of greed, avarice and backbiting? Who will really care?

Producers promise a guile. How will the alliances from Detroit, Charles shyness and form Jephro Rucastle, described by swell guy" turn out not to be already dubbed by the press more money to his already



great year, full of trickery and shake out? Will the geeky CPA McCarthy, be able to overcome his partnerships with the others? Will friends and family as "a really so swell? Will Henry Baskerville, as "The Dartmoor Darling" add sizable estate? And, in an unusual

move, producers have allowed a father and daughter to participate together. But pre-production was marred when it was learned that John Turner was less than truthful in filling out his application. He provided no explanation and no apology and Executive Producer Sholto "Inspector" Lestrade said that Mr. Turner would be allowed to participate. "This adds an air of mystery," he said. "It will make for great television." His daughter Alice stood by her father.

Hosted by Jeff Probst, *Survivor: Boscombe Valley* promises one thrill after another. Wednesdays at 8:00 PM on CBS.

Survivor: Boscombe Valley Participants



Dweeby Charles McCarthy from Detroit.



The mysterious John Turner.



Violet de Merville, considers "clothing optional"



Henry Baskerville, "The Dartmoor Darling."



Farrah Ferguson, left two children at home to participate.



Jephro Rucastle: No one calls him Jeph.



Alice Turner, John Turner's daughter.



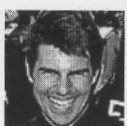
M a r y Sutherland, still recovering from a bad break-up.



Percy Phelps: the next macho Survivor?



Nancy Barclay, late of India.



"Killer" Evans: How did he earn that nickname?



Mr. Cornelius: His friends call him Mister.



Mary Burnwell: Is she hiding something?



Frances Carfax: Looking great after a brush with death.



Series Host Jeff Probst, has brought his dog Toby along for this Survivor outing.





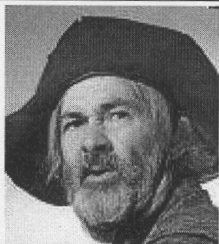
Carina: A Year in the Life

From the producers who brought you *Being Bobby Brown*, *The Osbournes* and *Obnoxious People Doing Hideously Self-indulgent Things*, comes *Carina: A Year in the Life*. This year's diva, and winner of "British Idol: 1895," Carina has allowed a film crew to follow her around for a year, filming every aspect of her life. From shopping for shoes for her evening concert at Albert Hall to having her nails done at Black Peter's Style Emporium, Carina shows it all. Of course, critics have derided this as only more publicity for the singing sensation that the *Times* labeled as "having the face of an angel and the voice of a poodle." Carina t-shirts, watches, key-chains and blenders abound, and one wonders how much more people can handle. Still, the creative crooner is characteristically optimistic. "My fans deserve to know the real me. If you don't want to watch, don't watch. But please buy a poster."



Carina: A Year in the Life will air Tuesdays at 8:00 PM on the WB.

*The producers of
Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica
cordially invite you to the premier of
the next great love story.
They defied the odds and found each
other despite one setback after another.
What brought them together?
Was it fate? Was it love?
Was it a cab?
Plan to attend the most
romantic event of the season. Plan to
attend
Newlyweds:
Robert & Hatty
Thursdays at 11/10 c
on Fox*



THE GOOD LIFE

with Hugh Boone
Sundays at 8/7c on Fox

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Charles Augustus
Milverton
Tuesdays 8/7c





Marry My Deathly Pale Son—Please!

From the creators of *The Restaurant of Death*, *The Great Futons* and *Who Wants to Marry a Jackelope?* comes *Marry My Deathly Pale Son—Please!* Godfrey Emsworth must choose between a dozen beautiful, talented and intelligent women, each vying for the attention and skin diseases of this eligible bachelor. But they have to watch their step. Godfrey's parents—Martha “The Crusher” Emsworth and Colonel Tom “The Colonel” Emsworth—have many a sly trick up their questionably laundered sleeve in order to weed out the less than desirable ladies. And Godfrey's closest friend James “Jimmy Legs” Dodd will be looking out for “the man who is as dear as me brother.” Each week, Godfrey gives one young woman one of his fingers, sending her on her way.

Heartbreaking, poignant, touching, *Marry My Deathly Pale Son—Please!* will have audiences on the edge of their chair. TV Guide calls it “the best show on deathly pale people to premier this year.” And the London *Times* calls it “possibly the most...photographed television show of the season.”

Marry My Deathly Pale Son—Please! unfolds on Thursdays after *Eugenia Ronder's Wild Animal Safari* on Fox. Look for it at 9:00 PM, 8:00 Central.



The eligible, and ichthyologically questionable, Godfrey Emsworth.



Martha Emsworth, his mother. Friends call her “Crusher,” but not to her face.



Colonel Emsworth, his father. No one calls him anything but “Sir!”



James “Jimmy Legs” Dodd. He’s a hunk, but he’s no one’s fool.



Contestant Violet Smith promises to get Godfrey outside for some bicycle riding.



Contestant Laura Lyons wants to introduce Godfrey to her many dogs.



Contestant Grace Dunbar hopes to rehabilitate the reclusive Godfrey.



Contestant Maria Gibson aims to surprise not only Godfrey but also Grace Dunbar.

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The *Times of London* wishes readers be assured that we in no way condone the horrible and derivative *Marry My Deathly Pale Son—Please!* The full quote from our critic's review is “Possibly the most ill-conceived and hideously photographed show of the season.” Thank you.

THE APPRENTICE

James Browner
Fridays 9/8c





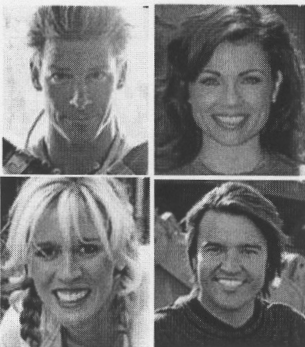
Ty Pennington, Constance Ramos, Preston Sharp, Michael Maloney, Paul Dimeo, Tracy Hutson, Eduardo Xol, Ed Sanders, and Paige Hemmis return for an exciting year of making dreams come true. These are some of the stories you will see this year:

Helen Stoner, who has lost her sister, her stepfather and her fiancée is about to lose her inherited house. Can the crew save Stoke Moran and turn it into the party palace that this young woman deserves? Rock on, Ty and the gang!

Nellie St. Clair lost her husband Neville when he went into the city and never returned. With no means of support, the Capital and Counties Bank repossessed her villa in Lee along with all of her possessions. Can Ty and the gang build her a new house in a week?

Tonga had come to England all the way from the Andaman Islands. He fell in with the wrong crowd and was shot at while boating on the Thames. But he lost everything, even his blowgun. Ty and the gang race to build him a two-story walk-up so that he can finally find some happiness.

Beryl Stapleton has had a lot go wrong. First there was something about her husband or her brother—we're not sure. Then there was something about an escaped convict and his mother—we're still not sure. And then there was something about a gigantic hound—we're really not sure. But Ty and the gang are sure that they can build her a new house at Grimpen Mire. But can they get it done before a nutcase named Frankland files an injunction against them?



Bricks and mortar and heartwarming stories. Tune in to see lives restored and households made new. *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* will touch your emotions like no other show. Sundays at 8:00 on ABC.

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition uses Craftsman tools and packing supplied from The Old Tin Dispatch Box, Ltd.

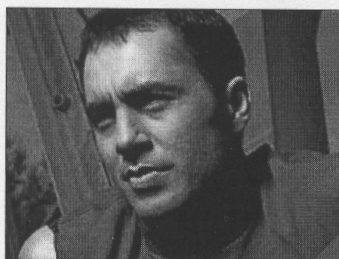




Fear factor

Fear Factor returns for its sixth season. Host Joe Rogan promises that this year will be “bigger, messier and grosser than any other year.” Contestants will chase giant rats, dive into waterfalls, wrestle lions and leap from exploding boats.

And the contestants? “Wilder, freakier, and more uninhibited than I have ever seen them,” says Joe. There’s Professor Presbury who will drink anything. There’s Kitty Winter who Joe describes as “an absolute maniac—she will do anything to win.” As was Sophy Kratides, who, says Joe, “feared nothing except baklava.” There’s Dr. Roylott, who was terrified of snakes but still pulled the stunt off. There’s Victor Hatherley who dislocated half his shoulder during a stunt involving jumping from a moving train. There’s Mrs. Hudson who, says Joe, “looked like a kindly old lady but she would cut you down like a piece of bread dough.” There’s Don Murillo, “as slippery as an eel soaked in olive oil.” And there’s Count Negretto Sylvius: “Count of what we had no idea. But things kept disappearing until he was eliminated.”




Host Joe Rogan wouldn’t do half the things he watches contestants do. “I don’t even like chunky milkshakes,” he says.

“They came to play,” says Joe, “and they did not play well with others.” But that’s the way *Fear Factor* audiences like it.


Fear Factor. Mondays at 8/9 central. Don’t watch it alone.



NANNY



911



Violet Hunter is Nanny 911. If she can handle a private school in Walsall, she can handle anyone. *Nanny 911*, Saturdays at 8/9 central on Fox.

From the producers of *I Love Lucy* and *Touched by an Avenging Angel*



AVERAGE JOE SCARNEGERSON

Sundays at 10/9c on UPN



My Big Fat Obnoxious Smarter Brother

Sundays at 9/8c on the WB





Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin visits Stoke Moran for a whole month this fall. "Crikey," Steve says, "this place is incredible. And everywhere I turn, it's danger, danger, danger."

Steve stalks the wily baboon, the stealthy cheetah, the deadly swamp adder. "And that's just in the kitchen," says Steve.

It's a thrill a minute exploring this fascinating and dilapidated old mansion. "I've never seen anything like it. It's weird, it's wild, and I keep hearing this odd whistling."

Steve Irwin at Stoke Moran. All month long on *The Crocodile Hunter*. Sundays at 8/7c on Animal Planet.



Croc Hunter extraordinaire Steve Irwin with one of the many snakes found at Stoke Moran.



From the producers of *Dog Eat Food* and *Where's My Asparagus?*

Who Wants to Be a Garrideb?

Join in the fun as contestants race through Britain searching out obscure and esoteric clues. Their goal is to find as many Garridebs as they can. The person who can forcibly drag the largest number of Garridebs back to London within six months will win fifteen million dollars.

Part *The Great Race*, part *Fear Factor*, *Who Wants to Be a Garrideb?* is all fun all the time. Sundays at 9/8c on UPN.



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Henry Staunton
Fridays 8/7c



Is he a spy? Or is he just misunderstood?

Being von Bork

Follow the merry misadventures every Saturday at 7/6c on Fox.

From the producers of
The Real Sandwich Islands,
Who Wants to Marry My Platypus
and
Extreme Makeover: Eugenia Ronder Edition

My Incompetent Bumbling Detective

Thursdays at 8/7c
on UPN





From the producers of *The Law Firm*, *Murder in Small Town X* and *Manhunt*

The Search for the Agra Treasure

Contestants rummage through old houses looking for clues, dodge blow darts, punt down the Thames River, and match wits with decoys looking for spouses. The Agra Treasure could be anywhere—even where you don't expect it. Or do expect it. But then it's too obvious and it won't be anywhere near there. *The Search for the Agra Treasure* promises thrills and adventures found nowhere else on television—except maybe the Golf Channel. Host Thaddeus Sholto follows contestants around and generally bothers them with inane questions.

The search is over: *The Search for the Agra Treasure* is on. Saturdays at 10/9 c on NBC.



Host Thaddeus Sholto has surprises galore for contestants.



From the producers of *Animal Husbandry* and *Wife Swapmeet*

They're not rich, but they've been around for a long time and Ridling Thorpe Manor is a really neat place to live. Twelve contestants work hard to prove that they indeed have what it takes. But only one will succeed, only one will take their place at the table, only one will be able to draw dancing men on napkins. Only one can truthfully say...

I WANT TO BE A HILTON CUBITT



Hilton Cubitt, the patriarch.



Elsie Cubitt, the woman of the house.



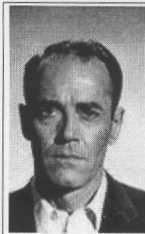
Footor Cubitt, Hilton's brother.



Cubitt Zubit, Hilton's half-brother.



Abe Slaney, a dear friend of Elsie's.



**OUTBACK JACK
PRENDERGAST**
Sundays at 8/7c



THE APPRENTICE

John McGinty
Sundays 8/7c





The Real World: Sussex

Fifteen friends in one small cottage in the Sussex countryside have to contend not only with themselves but with a plethora of odd and downright dangerous neighbors. There's the vampire up the street who attacks children in their sleep. There's that nutcase of a beekeeper on the other side of the down who is always asking questions. There's that ship captain with the collection of harpoons who is always ranting about something. And there's the man known only as Reginald who claims he has a butler but no one has ever seen him.

As compelling as *The Real World: Austin*, as enthralling as *The Real World: Philadelphia*, as torturous as *The Real World: San Diego*, this edition promises to be bigger and better than any other. *The Real World: Sussex*. Saturdays on MTV.

The most talked about show since *Hansom Cab Tales*

Giving Trelawney Hope

He's elegant, clear-cut, dark and endowed with every beauty of body and mind. But watch out when he meets Lady Hilda. Beautiful, bright-eyed and from Belminster, Lady Hilda is sensitive but commanding. What happens when an irresistible force meets and immovable object? If you really want an answer, watch a physics show on PBS. But if you want to see smoldering passion and spinning rugs tune in for *Giving Trelawney Hope*.



The best new reality series since *We are the Cheesemen*, *Coo-Coo-Coo-Joo*. Sundays at 8/7c on TLC.

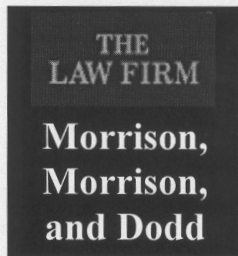


From the Producers of *The Diogenes Club* and *The Rucastle Family*



Fake-a-Date with Hosmer Angel Sundays at 8/9c on TBS

From David E. Kelly, the man who brought you *The Practice*, *Chicago Hope*, *Boston Public* and *Grimpen Mire Accounting*, comes

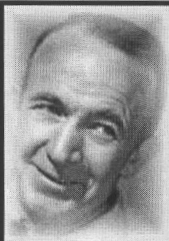


Sundays at
9/8c
on The
Discovery
Channel



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Jack Woodley
Saturdays 8/7c





Arthur Cadogan West: Pretentious and shrewd.



Mary Morstan: killer looks and a killer hand.



Sam Brown: Will he deduce the right hand?



Susan Cushing: Is her cardgame better than her home life?

Celebrity Poker Showdown returns with an all-new season. Watch celebrities fold, collapse, fall apart and lose thousands of dollars that aren't really theirs. Watch others rake in the chips, strike it rich, go for the gold and other cliches too numerous to mention. Host Colonel Sebastian Moran guides you through the intricacies of Five Card Stud, Texas Hold'em, California Gotcha and Utah You've Got to Be Kidding.

Celebrity Poker Showdown. Saturdays at 10/9 Central, right after *Queer Eye for the Victorian Guy* on Bravo.



Host Sebastian Moran is an expert at cards.



Fitzroy McPherson: will his science help him?



Miles McLaren: Scholarships are one thing, cards another.



Mr. Melas: Do his friends call him Miss?



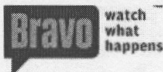
Irene Adler, a self-described adventuress.



Victor Durando: will he lose it all?.



Robert "Big Bob" Ferguson: Is he big enough to take it all?



From the producers of *Criterion Bar Chronicles* and *Isa Whitney: Man Undercover*

In Search of the Tregennis Family

Where did they go? Why did they go? How did they get there? What did they do when they got there? Did they enjoy themselves? Was there food there? Did they get their shoes shined? Did they have friends? Were they able to smoke? Could they open the windows?

In Search of the Tregennis Family. Saturdays at 10/9c, only on The Learning Channel.



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Charles McCarthy
Mondays 8/7c



Each week, Dutton Frankland takes on another contender in

Screw the System

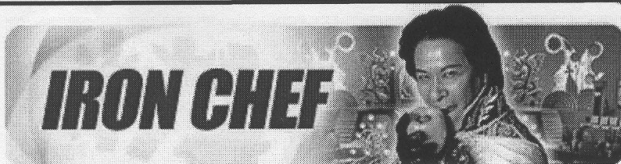
He's tough enough to take on the Big Boys. Are you tough enough to watch him?

Screw the System.

Wednesdays at 8/7c
on The Discovery Channel



When Dutton Frankland speaks, everyone listens.



Iron Chef: Simpson's pits the finest chefs in England against one another. What will the secret ingredient be? Chicken? Squid? *Cyanea Capillata*? *Radix pedis diaboli*?

This season promises to be the best ever. Iron Chef Mycroft Holmes takes on challengers from all over the United Kingdom. There's John Turner, whose Ballarat Ham was the hit of the Edinburgh Food Festival. There's Jefferson Hope and his Candied Yams a la Utah. Who can forget Baron Gruner and his Adalbert Avacado Supreme? How will Lal Chowdar's Clam Chowder Upside Down Under Glass fare? Will Hugh Pattins and his Skewered Ka-Bobs from the North Sea unseat Iron Chef Mycroft just as they nearly did last year? What about Inspector MacDonald and his Haggis-on-a-Stick? Or will the previous Iron Chef Mrs. Hudson win back the title with one of her legendary and cardiac arrest-inducing breakfasts?

The facilities at Simpson's are state-of-the-art and nothing has been spared. The finest ingredients, the best spices, the flashiest utensils and the greatest chefs in the world.

Iron Chef: Simpson's promises to be the greatest Iron Chef yet. Tune in each week for the best in kung-food fighting. *Iron Chef: Simpson's*. It's not just a show, it's dinner.



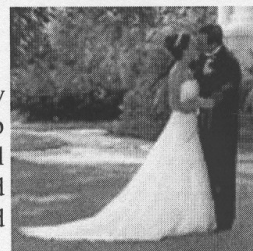
First came Trista and Ryan's Wedding. Now there's

Irene and Godfrey's Wedding



Can they plan their entire wedding in three days? Can they schedule the church, the vicar, the carriage all in time? Can they keep nosy people out of their houses and still find time for one another? Will they press charges against an insane doctor with a smoke bomb? And will Irene's past catch up with her? Tune in each week on Bravo to find out if Irene and Godfrey can pull it off.

The event of the season. The event of a lifetime.

Irene and Godfrey's Wedding. Saturdays at 9/8c, only on Bravo.




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James Moriarty
Thursdays 8/7c

From the producers of
The Hammersmith Wonders

Join the fun-loving gang of
The Red Circle

Thursdays at 9/8c
on UPN



The Pleasant Places of Florida

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THE LAST COURT OF APPEALS

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(Master of Ceremonies at most gatherings, host of the annual Wessex Cup)

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